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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, CG, US  
SUBJECT: ARMS SALES TO ZAIRE

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT MOBUTU MARCH 23  
HE EXPRESSED DISMAY AT WHAT HE SAID WAS CATEGORIC US  
REFUSAL TO SELL ZAIRE MODERN ARMS. MOBUTU MADE IT CLEAR  
THAT HE PREFERRED US ARMS, FOR WHICH GOZ WILLING TO PAY,  
RATHER THAN TURNING TO CHINESE. LATTER HAD OFFERED TO  
SUPPLY ARMS FREE BUT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT CHINESE  
INSTRUCTORS WHO WOULD ALSO BE PART OF ANY DEAL.

2. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE. I SAID THAT US WAS PREPARED  
TO SELL 105 HOWITZERS, CADILLAC GAGE ARMORED CARS, AND  
VULCAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY. MOREOVER, US WAS ALSO  
WILLING TO SELL 155 HOWITZERS BUT THESE ARE NOW SELF-  
PROPELLED. MOBUTU SAID GOZ NO LONGER INTERESTED IN  
155'S SINCE HE WANTED ARTILLERY WHICH COULD BE TOWED.  
MOBUTU CONFIRMED ZAIRE NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN  
LANCE MISSILE SINCE IT IS NUCLEAR WEAPON. MOBUTU  
EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION OVER CLARIFICATION AND INDICATED  
HE WOULD START INQUIRY AS TO WHY HE HAD BEEN MISINFORMED AS TO  
US POSITION. COL. MALLET (ZAMISH CHIEF) WENT OVER DETAILS OF  
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OUR POSITION WITH DOD MARCH 25.

3. MOBUTU AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER OUR  
DECISION NOT TO SELL ZAIRE THE M-16 RIFLE. I CON-  
FIRMED THAT OUR DECISION WAS NEGATIVE ON THIS  
PARTICULAR ITEM.

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